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When she saw the table, her pace slowed, with eyes vacillating between the students gathered around, deep in conversation, and the red brick path that would take her to her next class at Johns Hopkins University. Gently, I approached her and asked, "Excuse me, but could you do me a favor and take our poll?" I motioned towards the table, on top of which was a sign that read "Should Abortion Remain Legal?" She took a moment to adjust her glasses, after which she said, "...I did...the last time you guys were out here." I thanked her for taking the time to stop by and asked her what she talked about in her previous conversation. "Well," she said, "I said that it should be legal last time, but after talking with one of your club members, they convinced me that my answer should actually be no, abortion shouldn't remain legal."

It took me a second to register what she had just said. Standing right in front of me, "Rebecca" had just proved to me yet again that it was possible for a college student to change her mind on the issue of abortion! For the rest of our exchange, I couldn't stop smiling until after the club finished outreach and I approached Joe, my fellow club member. For the past year and a half, I had been mentoring Joe on how to have better, more productive conversations with pro-choice people, and now I had the joy and excitement of telling him that he had changed someone's mind on the issue of abortion!

This occurrence would have been unfathomable to freshman Joshua at St. Olaf College in 2017. I remember sitting in my first pro-life club meeting, with my legs literally shaking under the table. I was incredibly worried that some of my classmates or "cool" friends would see me. When the local pro-life pregnancy center was having their fundraising banquet on campus, I watched dozens of pro-choice students line the hallway with signs, protesting the event. In fear, I left the scene as quickly as I could, feeling defeated, and told myself that there wasn't anything that I could have done about it. The feeling persisted. I distinctly remember one of the pro-life club officers talking about putting up a display and I thought to myself, "Are you crazy? There's no point in doing that. There's no way that will ever make a difference." Sure enough, that display was torn down, not once, not twice, but THIRTEEN TIMES, and there was no administrative action taken, despite our repeated reports. After everything that our club went through that spring, I thought to myself, "Maybe we do deserve this vandalism. I mean, what if we're actually wrong about this issue after all?"

That all changed when my friends and I discovered Equal Rights Institute (ERI) after my sophomore year. I remember sitting on the green couch in the lounge of my dorm with headphones in, listening to the Equipped for Life Course from ERI and literally feeling the doubts, questions, and fears melt away. Over the course of three days, I suddenly had answers to the hard questions about abortion that I wasn't able to solve previously. I remember my breathlessness at realizing I wasn't just pro-life because it felt right in my heart, but because there are solid, logical reasons for being pro-life.

For the next four years, I developed, mastered, and taught what I learned from ERI to make an astonishing impact at both St. Olaf College and Johns Hopkins University. In the fall of 2018, we started doing outreach at St. Olaf and engaged with students in dialogue about abortion. We put up more displays, and, even though they were still vandalized, the administration began to take note of how we were carrying ourselves. Gradually, the administrators began complimenting us on how we were handling our respectful interactions with other stu-



dents. Eventually, the college began to take action when our displays were vandalized, and even apologized to us that we had to deal with those incidents.

However, our relationship with the administration was not the only change that occurred. Students were also taking note of our work. We would frequently receive comments such as, "You know, I don't really agree with you, but thanks for doing this in such a respectful way." More dramatically, we even had instances where students would completely change their view on the issue. Emily, my co-president at the time, had someone say to her, "I never thought I'd be saying this, but I think I have to be pro-life now! Like, I cannot come up with any good things to say against a single argument you've made. I genuinely can't come up with a reason I shouldn't be pro-life!"



These experiences at St. Olaf were not an anomaly. The same kinds of positive changes followed me to Johns Hopkins University. After I arrived at JHU in 2020 and began working with the club, I was amazed to learn that my fellow co-president Natalie actually became pro-life because of the Equipped for Life Course. She was pro-choice coming into college, but after she watched the course with a pro-life friend, she not only changed her mind but became deeply involved with the pro-life movement. To top it all off, she came up to me after our last outreach of the year and informed me that two people had completely changed their mind about abortion and become pro-life right in front of her face!

After seeing the ERI material at work on two different college campuses over the course of four years, I can attest to its effectiveness and ability to change minds. I've seen it lead people with pro-choice viewpoints to hold pro-life viewpoints, and I've seen it transform scared, confused, and timid pro-lifers like myself into valiant champions for the unborn. God has truly worked through me to bring the pro-life message to those that otherwise would have never heard it, and I am grateful to have witnessed his power to change lives, including my own.

The way that we will truly end abortion is to continue this work of changing hearts and minds, especially those of young people on college campuses. I am thrilled to announce that I am joining the staff at Equal Rights Institute as a club coach and video editor to help make that vision a reality! As a club coach, I will continue to pass on what I have learned as a pro-life club president for the last four years to current college and high school students, and enable them to bring the same kinds of change and results to their schools as I have seen at both St. Olaf College and Johns Hopkins University.

In addition to coaching clubs, I will also be working as a video editor for ERI to continue bringing cutting edge pro-life apologetics to the digital world. Videos are one of the primary ways that ERI impacts people online, as we've reached over 2.6 million views just since the beginning of 2022! My addition to the staff as a video editor will greatly increase their publishing schedule and enable them to output professional and educational materials more consistently and increase both ERI's reach and effectiveness. My first projects will be editing brand-new material for the Equipped for Life Course and putting together videos for the Equipped for Life Academy, a pro-life curriculum for religious high school students aimed to teach and solidify pro-life values before they embark for college. These are just the first of many projects that I will undertake as the video editor, and I can't wait to see what others will follow!

In order for me to continue along this path and invest myself in a ministry that builds a culture of life, I am in need of financial support. While I am eager to continue giving of my time and talents in this crucial work, I cannot do it alone. I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider joining my financial support team so that I can pursue this endeavor to change minds and ultimately save lives. Thank you, and God bless!

Sincerely,

Joshua Head



"Joshua is in a very small group at the top tier of pro-life college students I've ever worked with. He and the leaders of the St. Olaf group changed the entire culture at that college, and it was a privilege to personally watch his leadership in action with his group at Johns Hopkins University. Joshua is so passionate about training pro-life students that when I met him, one of his roles was reaching out to OTHER pro-life student groups to tell them about how the Equipped for Life Course could change their lives; now Joshua will be creating many of our future course videos that those same leaders will use! I couldn't be more excited to welcome Joshua onto our team. There are few young pro-life advocates that are more worthy of your financial support so they can exponentially increase their impact on behalf of the most vulnerable members of the human family: the unborn."

~ Josh Brahm, President